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The Community Services Department is comprised of five divisions: Administration, Community Center, Transportation, Recreation and Human Services. The Department delivers services and programs to support citizens' diverse interests in parks, recreation, and culture. This includes operating and maintaining twelve (12) parks and four (4) mini-parks, two (2) aquatic centers and two (2) pools, a sports complex, and a boxing and weightlifting center. The Community Center offers 40,000 square feet of versatile meeting and event space including 12,000 square foot ballroom and meeting rooms that accommodate between 5 and 1,200 guests, and state-of-the-art visual services. And the Transportation Services Division provides citywide transportation programs related to improving the fixed-route public transit system, specialized elderly and disabled transit, transit support of city park programs, and regional air quality issues.

**RECREATION DIVISION**

**PARK FACILITY RESERVATIONS**

The Reservations Section has been updating Rules and Regulations to include COVID-19 information and began taking reservations for outdoor picnic shelters at all parks beginning in May. The current guidelines from Los Angeles County Public Health regarding gatherings outdoors allow for up to 200 people. As the health guidelines lift, we will look to commence reserving indoor facilities for private gatherings. For the month of May, there were a total of 17 permits. Currently, there are 18 permits scheduled for the month of June.

**ADULT SPORTS**

**ADULT SPORTS TEAMS**

WEEK	BASEBALL	BASKETBALL	COED SOFTBALL	MEN'S SOFTBALL
5/3 - 5/7	23	0	14	7
5/10 - 5/14	23	0	14	7
5/17 - 5/21	23	0	14	7
5/24 - 5/28	23	0	14	7
<b>Month Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>FYTD Total</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>49</b>

Adult Soccer leagues began on Monday, April 12, 2021. The Adult Sports section that has the most interest and success is Adult Baseball. There are 23 teams continuing from the previous season that was put on hold in March of 2020. Currently, there are another dozen teams interested in starting the new season which will begin Sunday, April 18, 2021. Staff has received a lot of inquiries for Adult Basketball regarding the basketball league and when it will resume. There are over 30 teams waiting to begin the season when we are authorized to resume.

**YOUTH SPORTS**

First day of T-ball/Baseball/Softball leagues was May 8, 2021. Registration for Flag Football and Soccer has been moved to July 1, 2021.

ENRICHMENT CLASSES

WEEK	ENRICHMENT					PARK CLASSES
	GUITAR	PIANO	DRAMA	SPANISH	CSUDH PRAXIS STUDIO ART	ZUMBA
5/3 - 5/7	5	14	5	6	31	14
5/10 - 5/14	5	14	5	6	31	14
5/17 - 5/21	5	14	5	6	31	14
5/24 - 5/28	5	14	5	6	31	14
<b>Month Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>FYTD Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>124</b>

The Enrichment Virtual Spring session started on April 12<sup>th</sup> and ends on June 4<sup>th</sup>. California State University Dominguez Hills offers free art classes through the CSUDH Praxis Art Program for children ages eight through eleven. The class takes place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Enrichment is currently taking sign-ups for the Enrichment Summer Program.

PREVENTION AND AFTERCARE SERVICES

Week	New Clients	Open Cases	Closed Cases	Referrals Received	Extra Linkages
5/3 - 5/7	1	11	0	3	5
5/10 - 5/14	2	13	0	0	6
5/17 - 5/21	3	14	2	6	5
5/24 - 5/31	0	14	0	4	4
<b>Month Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>FYTD Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>104</b>

Prevention and Aftercare services consist of case navigation, resources, and referrals to families with children under the age of 18 in the home. These families are referred by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), other organizations, or can be self-referred. Case navigation consists of one on one communication between the case navigator and the family on a weekly basis to discuss struggles, accomplishments and goals. Extra linkages can be provided to families who do not need case navigation. These linkages may include but are not limited to food giveaways, counseling services, tutoring or housing services. Case navigation takes place via phone/virtually due to COVID restrictions, but is normally in person. Social connection groups that include, Zumba, Yoga, Community Garden and Crafty Club are on hold until further notice due to COVID.

KIDS CLUB AND DAY CAMP

WEEK	CALAS	CARSON	DEL AMO	DOLPHIN	VETERANS	TOTAL
5/3 - 5/7	17	8	4	13	23	44
5/10 - 5/14	17	8	4	12	24	45
5/17 - 5/21	17	5	4	9	23	44
5/24 - 5/31	17	6	4	10	24	45
<b>Month Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>178</b>
<b>FYTD Total</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>1825</b>

*Special Hours of Operation*

Prior to the pandemic Kids Club operated four hours, five days per week from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. During the pandemic the State permitted Kids Club to open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. due to schools shut down. Distant learning, at our State licensed sites (Veterans Park, Del Amo Park, Carson Park, Dolphin Park and Calas Park), is offered with an operating capacity of 50 percent.

*COVID Protocol*

Los Angeles County requires temperature checks daily along with questions answered before children enter rooms. Parents are not allowed in the rooms during this time. Children and staff wear masks all day and equipment/supplies are sanitized before and after every activity. Social distance of 6 feet is required and implemented throughout the day.

*Staffing Challenges*

As a result of the pandemic, Kids Club staff has worked more hours than usual. Under normal circumstances Kids Club is an afterschool program, which runs August – June, open 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This year due to the pandemic and school closures, all day child care services have been provided to families while children participate in long distance learning at the parks. Kids Club staff are assisting children all day with schooling while also providing a safe and fun environment.

*Program Participant Capacity*

Kids Club State licensed sites capacity during pandemic is as follows:

Carson Park – 20 participants	Veteran Park – 25 to 30 participants
Calas Park – 20 participants	Del Amo Park – 30 participants
Dolphin Park – 25 participants	

*Day Camp capacity during the pandemic is NOT monitored by the State:*

Anderson Park – 30 participants	Dominguez Park – 40 participants
Carson Park – 50 participants	Foisia Park – 50 participants
Calas Park – 20 participants	Hemingway Park – 40 participants
Del Amo Park – 50 participants	Mills Park – 20 participants
Dolphin Park – 30 participants	Veterans Park – 50 participants

AQUATICS

The Aquatics programming commenced on Monday, March 1, 2021 at Dominguez and Hemingway Aquatic Center's. Residents of the City of Carson were able to take advantage of exercise programs such as: Lap Swim, Fitness Swim, and Aqua Aerobics. Families were also able to enjoy their own space in the pool during Family Swim. Lastly, level 3 and above swimmers were able to join the instructor led Swim Conditioning classes to develop or maintain their swimming skills.

The Aquatics exercise programs have become popular during the Spring Season. There have been eight (8) residents who have been attending our Fitness Swim, held at 5:30 a.m. – 6:30 a.m. Three (3) of the eight (8) people recently participated in the open water swim competition held at Perris Lake. While it was their first time, they were extremely grateful to have the opportunity to build their endurance with our program. They are now looking forward to competing in another open swim / Iron Man in August.

The Swim Conditioning program is held at Hemingway Aquatic Center for higher level swimmers (level 3 and above) for 1-hour sessions on either Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday. With the program growing, we had consistent numbers with most of our participants attending each class. With the program ending, our parents are graciously waiting for our program to return during the summer.

During the pandemic, Aquatics ensured that families were safely able to continue their visit at Aquatic Centers. The pool was divided in various sections to ensure proper social distancing and separation from other households. With the warmer weather and the LA County Department of Health's easing of

COVID-19 restrictions, Aquatics is starting to see an increase of resident participation in the Aquatics programming as a whole.

Below is the statistics for both Hemingway Aquatic Center and Dominguez Aquatic Center:

FACILITY	LAP SWIM (A)	LAP SWIM (SR)	FAMILY SWIM (A)	FAMILY SWIM (C)	AQUA AEROBICS (A)	AQUA AEROBICS (SR)	FITNESS SWIM (A)	SWIM CONDITIONING (C)
Dominguez Aquatic Center	-	7	41	48	-	-	-	-
Hemingway Aquatic Center	16	9	31	9	-	77	64	45
<b>Month Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>45</b>

(SR) Senior, (A) Adult, (C) Child

This month we ended our Spring season and have concluded our Lap Swim, Family Swim, and Swim Conditioning. However, we have continued our Fitness Swim and Aqua Aerobics programs until the beginning of our Summer Season due to the demand and popularity of the programs. Summer for the Aquatics will begin on June 14.

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

#### *Non-Competitive Prop 68*

On February 24, 2021, a site visit at Mills Park was conducted with an on-call architect, Engineering and Recreation staff. The scope of the project was discussed which included shading for three (3) picnic areas, shading around three (3) entrances to the main building and shading around the outdoor fitness area and permanent concrete sign. Also discussed was the installation of two (2) outdoor restrooms (unisex). On Tuesday, May 18, 2021, City Council approved submitting the \$537,000 Mills Park project to the Office of Grands and Local Services (OGALS). Funding for the project will come from Quimby and Development Impact Fee (DIF) accounts in the amount of \$302,000 in addition to the \$235,000 available to the City through the Prop 68 non-competitive grant. The deadline to submit the project to the OGLAS Project Officer is December 2021.

#### *Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article III*

An Invitation for Bid (IFB) was completed and staff report was approved on consent at the City Council meeting on March 16, 2021, to approve the purchase of concrete picnic benches, concrete barbeques, and concrete coal collectors for a total of \$85,760. A total of 79 pieces will be divided between Stevenson Park, Mills Park and Anderson Park which are all located along the Carson Master Plan of Bikeways. Part of the funding will come from TDA in the amount of \$61,000 and has to be expended before May 31, 2021 and the remaining \$27,000 will come from the Development Impact Fee (DIF). A purchase order has been completed and sent to the vendor; staff is currently waiting on ETA of delivery. Additional prep work and coordination with the Public Works Department will be needed for the removal of old benches and installation of new concrete items.

### VETERANS SPORTSCOMPLEX

The Veterans SportsComplex reopened on April 14, 2021. We are only offering monthly memberships at this time. Members and guests are encouraged to make advance reservations for their workout sessions in order to control occupancy limits within the different areas of the facility. The fitness area, main and small gyms, and racquetball courts are now open to members while the men's and women's locker rooms, spin room, activity room and lobby sitting area are still off limits. Additionally, some of our GroupEx classes will return soon for members and guests to enjoy in the coming weeks.

As of the end May, we have a total of 157 memberships. We've seen a steady increase of Youth/Seniors signups this month and our Silver Sneakers memberships are increasing every week.

Lastly, the SportsComplex has been hosting bi-weekly Behavioral Health Services Inc. vaccination clinics from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. since April 14, 2021. The site doesn't require any appointments and are taking anyone 12 years or older for walk in registration and anyone younger than 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

#### MAY 2021 ATTENDANCE

DATE	TOTAL # OF MEMBERS	# OF DAILY GUEST	# OF DAILY GUEST PASS
5/1-5/8	245	19	
5/10-5/15	213	16	2
5/17-5/22	266	11	1
5/24-5/29	263	11	2
<b>Month Total</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>5</b>

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

##### *Upcoming Virtual Events*

- Philippine Independence Day – Saturday, June 12, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.
- Juneteenth – Saturday, June 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

#### HUMAN SERVICES

##### STROKE CENTER

The Stroke Center remains closed, but virtual Occupational Therapy appointments continue. Dr. Paul Penoliar and his student interns are treating 9 stroke survivors on a weekly basis. Treatment began in January 2021, and each session lasts between 45-60 minutes. Recruitment for the Social Services Coordinator continues through Human Resources.

##### SENIOR RECREATION

Senior Recreation continues to offer ZOOM fitness and dance classes that are run by 2 designated staff members, Monday through Thursday from 9:30 am - 10:30 am. Class attendance fluctuates with approximately 3 to 15 students per class. We now offer in-person classes at Carson Park on the outdoor basketball court area, including Zumba, Yoga, and Hula Hoop fitness, with approximately 12 to 39 participants per class. These classes are also held Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and are run by 2 designated staff members who check participants' temperature, release waivers, and sign-in sheet. Staff enforces social distancing and emphasize that masks are worn appropriately throughout the duration of each class.

#### SENIOR VIRTUAL CLASSES

WEEK	ZUMBA	FUNCTIONAL FITNESS	SALSA	YOGA
5/3-5/7	6	13	10	12
5/10-5/14	6	11	10	15
5/17-5/21	6	14	8	15
5/24-5/28	3	No Class	9	15
<b>Month Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>FYTD Total</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>377</b>

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**SENIOR IN-PERSON CLASSES AT CARSON PARK**

WEEK	HULA HOOP FITNESS	ZUMBA TUESDAY	YOGA	ZUMBA THURSDAY
5/3-5/7	12	29	13	31
5/10-5/14	14	30	16	37
5/17-5/21	14	36	15	34
5/24-5/28	No Class	No Class	No Class	39
<b>Month Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>141</b>
<b>FYTD Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>290</b>

**SENIOR SOCIAL SERVICES**

Senior Social Services continues to assist virtually and by reaching out through telephonic communication. Through contactless visits, the Geriatric Aides continue to provide lunches to seniors throughout the week, as well as run errands including trips to the grocery store and pharmacy. Keeping abreast of resources being developed through the county, state, and federal programs has been essential in providing our seniors with the latest programs they may be eligible for. Staff continues to do everything possible to ensure older adults can stay at home safely while having their essential needs met. Welfare checks continue in collaboration with the county's adult protective services and the Carson Sheriff. Many organizations and community partners are offering more virtual programming that our residents can benefit from. Staff works closely with PIO to update information regarding programs and services that will be listed in the Recreation Guide. Seniors of the community were very pleased to see the Silver Cheer program featured in the Recreation Guide. Vaccine administration continues, including assisting seniors with registration and transportation to clinics. To date, 2,813 vaccines have been provided by Carson Pharmacy.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD**

On Monday, May 3, 2021, Early Childhood reopened to welcome children back for in-person learning. The children were eager and excited to see their teachers and friends as they arrived. Wearing a mask and having to follow all the new school guidelines did not hinder the children from enjoying their classrooms and socially interacting with their friends.

**VIRTUAL EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

WEEK	AM	PM
5/3-5/7	11	9
5/10-5/14	11	9
5/17-5/21	11	9
5/24-5/28	11	9
<b>Month Total</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>136</b>
<b>FYTD Total</b>	<b>1066</b>	<b>824</b>

**IN PERSON EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

WEEK	AM	PM	FT
5/3-5/7	19	8	31
5/10-5/14	19	8	31
5/17-5/21	19	8	31
5/24-5/28	19	8	31
<b>Month Total</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>FYTD Total</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>124</b>

**THERAPEUTIC RECREATION**

The spring session of virtual programming ended in May. Participants were able to take part in our Skill Builders Occupational Therapy, Social Club, Exercise, and Art programs. Some highlights from this session included a virtual field trip presentation with the Aquarium of the Pacific creating sensory tubes, slime making, and working out to an exercise video, while accumulating 3,000 steps in 23 minutes! Staff continues to receive positive feedback about the activities being offered.

**THERAPEUTIC RECREATION**

WEEK	SKILL BUILDERS (O.T.)	SOCIAL CLUB	EXERCISE	ART & CRAFTS
5/3-5/7	No class	8	10	8
5/10-5/14	No class	6	10	7
5/17-5/21	No class	8	10	6
5/24-5/28	No class	No class	No class	No class
<b>Month Total</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>FYTD Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>129</b>

**SPECIAL INTEREST CLASSES**

Start Smart T-Ball classes for kids age 2-5 began on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Class size was limited to 5 children and 5 adults, and two additional classes were added to meet the demand. Currently classes are offered Monday-Thursday at Calas Park. A total of 20 children and 20 adults are enrolled.

**COVID TASK FORCE**

The COVID Task Force was originally created to assist the community with emergency programs and resources needed for the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the past year the needs of the community have evolved from assisting and feeding many residents, providing COVID testing, supporting homebound seniors, collaborating with outside organizations, to providing vaccinations.

Staff's biggest challenge was creating innovative ways to deliver these services to an elderly population with little technical knowledge. To solve this issue, staff created call centers to answer questions from the community, provided welfare checks to homebound seniors, and distributed flyers of all current programs, including our daily Grab-N-Go lunch program. Currently, the infection rate has decreased thereby reducing the amount of testing days, and increasing the amount of vaccination pop ups.

WEEK	CALL CTR	GRAB & GO MEALS	TEST SITE CALL CTR	TEST SITE TEST GIVEN	TEST SITE HOME VISITS	CETG 2.0
5/3-5/8	54	3,000	33	61	0	80
5/10-5/15	109	3,000	27	401	0	86
5/17-5/22	33	3,000	11	0	0	0
5/24-5/28	68	3,000	26	387	0	35
<b>Month Total</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>201</b>
<b>FYTD Total</b>	<b>16,870</b>	<b>181,573</b>	<b>9,067</b>	<b>36,841</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>1,296</b>

Discontinued Programs - Carson Essentials to Go: 1,656; Food Distribution: 300; Meals on Wheels: 11,146

**COMMUNITY CENTER**

**RENTALS**

Currently, the Community Center Operations are shut down through the end May 2021 due to the Pandemic. This has severely impacted rentals for the facility. However, the Community Center is conducting Inter-Departmental Rentals for the various Departments/Divisions – Testing/Trainings. Data for the month of May is as follows:

Inter-Departmental:

- No. of Bookings – 4 Human Resources – Testing/Interviews
- No. of Bookings – 1 Private
- No. of Bookings – 1 Public Safety/Sheriff’s Department – Blood Drive

WEEK	HUMAN RESOURCES	PUBLIC SAFETY	PRIVATE	GRAND TOTAL
5/3-5/7	0	1	0	1
5/10-5/14	0	0	1	1
5/17-5/21	2	0	0	2
5/24-5/28	2	0	0	2
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>

***Staff has been informed that beginning in June events can occur at the facility.***

**CATERING**

There are no catered events at this time.

*Catering Request for Proposal*

Staff is beginning to draft the request for proposal for prospective caterers for calendar year 2022. The current contract with Choura Venue Services expires on December 31, 2021. Staff anticipates the selection of vendor(s) by mid-July.

**UPGRADES**

*Audio Visual and Lighting*

Staff received two proposals and is in the process of evaluating, scoring and selecting a vendor. An award of contract for City Council approval will be presented at a future meeting.

**TRANSPORTATION**

The City of Carson’s Transportation Division provides city-wide transportation programs including: fixed-route public bus service, first mile/last mile ride-hail services, specialized elderly and disabled transportation (Dial-A-Ride/Access), and bus transportation in support of City parks and youth programs. Transportation also works directly with LA Metro, South Bay Cities Council of Government (SBCCOG),



and South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) on a variety of transportation policies, new initiatives, and funding opportunities.

**CARSON CIRCUIT**

COVID-19 UPDATE - The Disaster Council suspended the Carson Circuit effective March 28, 2020 out of safety concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the possibility of spreading the virus to passengers and bus operators. Over the course of the next few months, staff worked with consultants to finalize the City’s very first Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA) of the Carson Circuit service. The report assessed the inefficiencies of the current program, and provided recommendations for future improvements.

Contingent upon future COVID-19 case numbers, fixed-route bus services may return early Fall 2021, in the form of an interagency agreement with Long Beach Transit. During this interim, residents and visitors can take on-demand ride hail services through agreements with Lyft and Dial-A-Ride (Yellow Cab). Riders receive a 50% discount on rides that stay within City limits through subsidies from the City’s Prop A and C returns.

**CARSON CIRCUIT RIDERSHIP<sup>[1]</sup>**

	Cash Fare (\$1)	Wheel-Chairs (Free)	Seniors (Free)	Transfer/EZ/TAP	Total Trips
<b>Apr 2021</b>	(Services currently suspended)				
<b>Apr (2019 comparison)</b>	5,684	181	6,861	2,985	15,711
<b>FY 20-21 YTD</b>	(Services currently suspended)				

*Temporary Carson Student Transportation*

On May 4, 2021, the City Council approved a motion to have staff provide temporary student transportation through the end of the Spring 2021 semester. After assessing the needs of the operation and its related costs, the temporary service commenced May 24, 2021, and will run through June 11, 2021.

Students have the option to be dropped off at two (2) central school zones – Carson High or Dominguez Prep. Although most elementary and middle school students attend schools already within their local neighborhoods, not all high school students live within walking distance of Carson’s two high schools. As such, staff chose two (2) central pick-up zones to best meet this service gap – Hemingway Park and Mills Park. Both zones are situated in resident-heavy areas, accessible within a short walking distance, or alternatively serve as a much closer student drop-off zone for parents. Students can also walk to, or be dropped off at any Carson bus stop along the path of either route.

Based on the latest LA County Department of Public Health guidelines for K-12 students, buses will carry passengers at no more than 50% of their respective seating capacity, windows will be lowered for fresh air circulation, and frequently touched surfaces will be thoroughly sanitized at the beginning and end of each run.

City buses depart from both parks at 8:15 a.m. sharp, meet at South Bay Pavilion for transfers, and arrive at the schools by approximately 8:45 a.m. Afternoon runs will operate in the reverse order. Bus fares will not be enforced, as services will be complimentary to all students. Anticipated costs for this service are \$3,650. This accounts for two buses, 1 FT driver, 2 PT drivers, plus fuel. The costs are fully covered by the City’s Prop A and C returns.

**DIAL-A-RIDE**

Dial-A-Ride services are now available to Carson residents of all ages, with or without disabilities. Participants can order on-demand taxi service and receive a 50% discount off their ride. As of March 2021, Carson residents can take advantage of complimentary no-cost taxi rides TO and FROM any City-

designated vaccination site that falls within three (3) miles from City boundaries. Taxi drivers will stay with the riders throughout the entire process, ensuring a safe and worry-free return.

Compared to its lowest dip in April 2020, ridership has improved dramatically by nearly 93% and continues to recover.

#### DIAL-A-RIDE RIDERSHIP<sup>[1]</sup>

	Total Rides	Total Passengers	Avg Trips per Day	Avg Cost per Trip
Apr 2021	1,479	2,038	49	\$12.24
Apr 2020 comparison	767	1,002	26	\$13.91
FY 20-21 YTD	<b>12,036</b>	<b>16,860</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>\$13.04</b>

#### LYFT

Carson residents are eligible to receive a 50% discount off the cost of their Lyft ride. Riders pay half; City pays half, up to a maximum City subsidy of \$10. Participants must 18 years of age or older to ride alone. Rides must start AND end within City boundaries.

#### LYFT RIDERSHIP<sup>[1]</sup>

	Total Rides	Avg total cost per trip	Avg trip cost to rider
Apr 2021	461	\$8.97	\$4.48
FY 20-21 YTD	3,547	\$7.73	\$3.71
From April 2020 – Present	<b>4,073</b>	<b>\$7.69</b>	<b>\$3.65</b>

\*Majority of rides took 5-10 minutes in duration, 0-2 miles in distance. Average trip costs are on a rise due to increased ride times stemming from traffic returning to pre-pandemic levels.

#### FUTURE PLANS

The City is currently targeting the commencement of an interagency agreement with Long Beach Transit (LBT) by early Fall 2021. This would mark the return of fixed-route bus services in Carson. With the aim of improving regional travel to and from the City, buses will run in both directions on main surface streets, providing much faster and direct connections to major destinations and other bus lines. This shift towards modernized bus travel will benefit both residents and commuters, as it opens up new opportunities to utilize public transportation with far less constraints. However, for a certain number of riders, the new routes may require a further walk to a bus stop than in the past.

To help bridge this potential gap, staff is looking into reestablishing the Carson Circuit with all-new bus routes. The routes will be designed to complement LBT routes specifically in areas that may require a longer walk to access bus service, and in areas that can help Carson students get to and from their respective schools. The concurrent offering of LBT and the redesigned Carson Circuit service will help achieve a newfound level of regional and local travel for Carson, and further improve equitable mobility.

Additionally, staff is working on a capital improvement plan to purchase new bus shelters and benches. The shelters will be similar to the newer silver models along Carson St. and CSUDH. Staff is working towards replacing all of the remaining shelters by FY 24 in an effort to create a modern and uniform look throughout the City.

<sup>[1]</sup> Data received directly from contractor; statistics delayed due to internal review by contractor before release